

# Essex United



# Soccer Club



APRIL 2007

## President's Message

From Garry Malle

I hope that everyone had a great winter, but in April we know that the snow will be gone soon (hopefully!) and it will be time to get outside and get the season going! Your Board Members have been working hard over the past fall and winter months to ensure that this upcoming season is a great one. We have a few new members that have joined the Board, but we still have a few open positions that need to be filled. Please consider helping us, so that we can ensure that Essex United remains the great organization that other clubs are envious of!! It's not as hard, or as big of a time commitment as you might think!!!

As a member of the Essex United family, I hope you and your children feel a sense of community and bond, whether it's watching from the sidelines with other parents, or seeing your child play or practice with their teammates. Hopefully everyone will meet new friends and maintain those friendships outside of soccer. The support of your children and our club is a great combination! See you on the sidelines, Garry

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**BE SURE TO STAY CONNECTED,  
ACTIVE AND INFORMED!!!!**

Check out our **website** for updated club, team, coaching, tournament, and other useful soccer info and links. [www.essexunitedsoccer.org](http://www.essexunitedsoccer.org)

**Board Meetings**- Are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Essex High School room C102 at 7 pm. We would love for you to come and join us!



## Important Information & Dates

### Annual Clothing Sale

This year's clothing sale info is now available on the website. All orders are due back to the coaches by 4/10/07. Many thanks to Mary Anne Sjoblom for coordinating this effort once again!

### 16<sup>th</sup> Annual EUSC Tournament & Shootout

This year the tournament dates are June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at the Tree Farm. Cheryl Bowers is the new Tournament Coordinator. You will be contacted by your child's team Tournament Rep. to sign up to help! See the back page for more info.

### New U6 Program

This year our club has started a U6 program! We have had a lot of interest and Justin Janaro is coordinating this age group in what promises to be a fun introduction to the game of soccer and our club. Many thanks to Justin for his efforts!

## A Few Words From The Tree Farm

Hello Essex United Players and Parents-

The Tree Farm is now in its third year of operation. As many of you know, it has become and continues to be a busy place!! We have teams from several clubs practicing and teams from all over the Northeast region playing in games and tournaments. Schill Landscape Group continues to take care of the fields and keeps them in first class shape!! This is the largest and nicest facility, at least north of the Boston area and maybe further. We are very fortunate to have this facility right in our backyard.

This year we will be looking to expand our usage to other non-traditional uses. We would like to get visitation from a larger group of people outside from our normal sport enthusiasts, serving more members of our community. As such, we are looking to develop some cross-country trails for walking/running. This would be a passive use for our community and quite likely the High School X-C teams. Some other thoughts are to hold a summer evening concert (similar to the Mozart festival) where members of the community could come in, spread out a blanket and enjoy some classical music. If you have thoughts or ideas about how we might further serve the community, please contact me, at 899-2150.

Just a reminder, the Tree Farm is still very limited on parking. Whenever possible, we would appreciate carpooling to help us cut down on parking issues. Thanks for the overwhelming support we continue to enjoy from our user. See you on the pitch!! Eric

You can also visit the Tree Farm website at- [www.treefarmsports.org](http://www.treefarmsports.org) or call Eric Senn, President of the Tree Farm Management Group at 899-2150.

## Coaching Corner

By Ed Demulder  
Coach Coordinator

Coaching Education has been at the top of my Agenda since the completion of the Fall 2006 tryouts.

EUSC has hosted two regional Coaching sessions by David Saward, Varsity Men's Coach at Middlebury College. In December we hosted a USSF "E" license at the Essex Indoor Soccer Center, and then in January a NSCAA Goalkeeper Level 1 course at the same location. Both courses had many EUSC coaches attend and receive licenses.

In January we began a series of 8 EUSC In-House coaches training sessions which continue through mid-April. These courses cover topics of interest to our coaches in order to enhance their understanding of the game. Topics include foot skills, shielding, passing/receiving, individual/team defending and attacking, changing the point of attack, goal-keeping and formation analysis. Dates and times of all the sessions are on the website "Coaches Corner". Session outlines are also available. All parents are welcome to attend and see how our EUSC coaches are trying to improve their skills so they can more effectively train our EUSC players.

## U.S. Soccer Federation Passback Program

At the EUSC Tournament June 23-24, we will be collecting new and gently used equipment to donate through the Passback Program. The Tournament Committee has selected to send the donated goods to Haiti, to assist in developing soccer programs among children in this impoverished country. For more info visit [www.passback.org](http://www.passback.org). For more info on our clubs collection efforts please visit our website or contact Carolyn Rushford at [cjrushford@comcast.net](mailto:cjrushford@comcast.net).

## Registrar News

By Mike Lampron, Registrar

Welcome to another season for EUSC. This season is the first for me in the role of Registrar and it has certainly been a learning experience. First, I need to thank Nina Warren and Carolyn Rushford for all their help during this past registration period. They have been instrumental in teaching me the ropes and offering assistance whenever I would start to fall behind. Secondly, I would like to thank all the families and coaches for your patience while I have been coming up to speed. As always, if there are any questions that you have, I encourage contacting me by phone 872-7802 or email [mlampron@amicas.com](mailto:mlampron@amicas.com).

Here is a breakdown of ages and players. We have a total number of 283 players on 19 teams.

**U6 Coed**-11 players      **U8 Coed**- 32 players

**U10- Boys**-37 players / **Girls**- 32 players

**U12 Boys**-33 players / **Girls**- 28 players

**U14 Boys**-20 players / **Girls**- 31 players

**U15 Girls**-22 players

**U16 Boys**-20 players / **Girls**-17 players

## Kids – Leading the Way!

Imagine a family with four kids- twin boys, an older brother and a younger sister. They go to the Tree Farm and see damage done by another young, misguided person and they think to themselves “how can I help?” If you are the Donahue boys, they help by having a Birthday party, and instead of gifts they ask their friends to take any money they were going to spend on gifts and give them the money so they can donate it to the Tree Farm to help right the wrongs. You often hear people grumble about the youth of today, and how kids were better back in “their day”. We are here to tell you that while that may be true in some instances , at the Donahue house, you could not find a better example of the kind of understanding, empathy and unselfishness, and a great example of what a family can do to be active and supportive in our community. We hope their parents are proud of this spirit, because we sure are. Heartfelt thanks to the entire Donahue family. **Way to go Liam, Kevin and Jack. You guys Rock!!!**

## 2007/08 Board Members

President	Garry Malle	878-2647
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Secretary	Cindy Jones	879-2038
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VSL Rep.	OPEN	
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Uniform Coord.	Beth Maurer	878-9985
Tree Farm Rep.	Eric Senn	899-2150
Past President	Kay Maloney	872-7834

## Volunteers Needed!!

Essex United Soccer Club is completely run by volunteers and we are always looking for individuals interested in helping in some capacity. Please contact a current board member to learn about volunteer opportunities that might interest you.

## Board Openings

We currently have two Board positions open that **urgently** need to be filled!!!

- Vice President
- VSL Representative

If you are interested, please contact Garry Malle.



## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Essex United Tournament & Shootout

From: Cheryl Bowers  
Tournament Director

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Essex United Soccer Tournament and Shoot-out is scheduled to be held at the Tree Farm again this year on June 23 & 24. This year's tournament committee has been hard at work since January making plans to make our tournament a great experience for our children and all in attendance. The applications are already rolling-in! Past tournament director, Ed Demulder, has set the bar high, and has put together a great formula that we only hope to copy and improve upon. We will continue to provide a Food concession stand, T-shirt sales, and on-site Soccer vending. New this year will be the "Pass-Back" program booth. (see separate article)

Each team, U10 through U16, will play two games on Saturday, and one game on Sunday morning. Should your team excel, you will play Sunday afternoon in the playoffs. Our U8 teams are expected to see action on Sunday afternoon. In order for our tournament to be successful, each family is expected to fulfill their required two-hour per player commitment during the tournament. Our volunteer slots are "easy", and will be as non-intrusive to your weekend as we can make them. We always try to be sure our parents can watch their children play! A volunteer will be contacting each family in June to let them know what they can do to help to make our tournament a great successful.

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